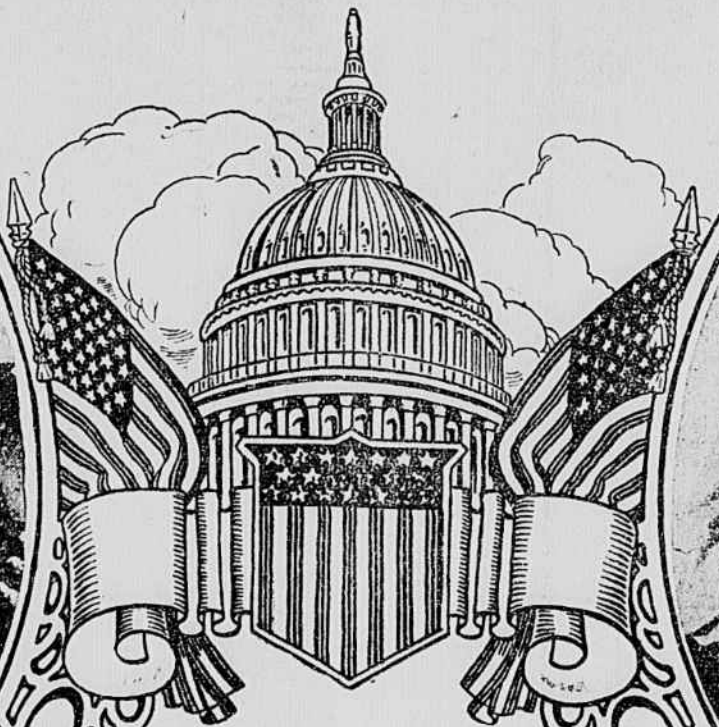




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JOINS BRYAN IN FIGHT ON PARKER

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spirit continues after his arrival here to-morrow.

Of equal interest to this decision was the announcement that Colonel Bryan has written a letter to E. P. Hall, national committeeman from Nebraska, in which he says emphatically that he is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination.

The news of the Bryan letter slipped out to-night, and the men who have been hoping to see Mr. Bryan carry the prize out of a deadlocked convention are as mad as hornets.

Mr. Bryan's friends said to-night that under no circumstances would he deceive his old friend and political associate. While the news of the Bryan letter brought a ray of sunshine into the Democratic camp, it was apparent that many of the Democratic leaders declined to accept it at its face value.

The casting of Woodrow Wilson's political fortunes with Colonel Bryan and the shifting of Champ Clark toward the conservative side of the political field caused a great stir on the Democratic battleground to-night. There were all sorts of speculation as to what effect the present alignment might have.

Even members of the New York State delegation were intimating to-day that Champ Clark was beginning to find favor in their eyes and that the caucus of the delegation on Monday might bring a development in his favor.

Attitude of Murphy.
The attitude of Charles F. Murphy toward the Bryan boom is uncertain at this time. The Gaynor boomers, however, are going ahead with the intention of presenting the Mayor's name. The caucus of the New York State delegation on Monday is being antici-

ipated keenly by everybody, and it may be one of the determining factors of the convention. If the caucus stands for Mayor Gaynor it will introduce a new and important factor in the presidential race. Therefore, the action of New York is looked forward to as one of the two important contingencies that may upset all political calculations, as to who will be nominated.

The other contingency is the condition that may arise out of the fight for the temporary chairmanship. If Speaker Clark throws his support to Parker, it may release Mr. Bryan and

Speaker Clark will go into the convention, it is generally conceded, with probably 100 more votes than any of his competitors, and the support of Charles F. Murphy can be bought to Speaker Clark. It will give his candidacy a wonderful impetus.

The news of Taft's renomination was hailed with joy in the Democratic ranks. Democrats generally believe that victory will be theirs in November. The naming of Taft was regarded as favorable to the Wilson boom, and increased the likelihood of the Democratic platform and candidate being progressive.

Wilson to Bryan.
Baltimore, June 23.—The following telegram in reply to Bryan's invitation to help him defeat Parker for temporary chairman of the Democratic convention was sent by Woodrow Wilson to W. J. Bryan at Chicago to-day:

"You are quite right. The Baltimore convention is to be a convention of progressives, men who are progressive in principles and by convictions. It must, if it is not to be put in wrong light before the country, express its convictions in its organization, and in its choice of the men who are to speak for it. You are entirely within your rights in demanding everything within your power to bring that result about. No one will doubt where my sympathies lie, and you will, I am sure, find my friends in the convention acting upon clear conviction and always for the people's cause. I am happy in the confidence that they need no suggestion from me."

(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Baltimore, Md., June 23.—While the early birds at this convention were

a large number of Bryan men who are instructed for Clark, who may rally to the support of one of three men, Bryan, Gaynor or Wilson.

Governor Wilson's friends are casting hopeful eyes in the direction of Mr. Bryan's followers.

There is no doubt that the Wilson people are doing a lot of hustling. They have papered the town with lithographs of the Governor.

There is as much doubt as to the form of the platform to be adopted at the Baltimore convention as surrounds the identity of the nominee. Numerous tentative planks have been searched and are being carefully watched and guarded, awaiting the time when they shall be cast into the general hopper. The only question on which there seems to be a definite agreement

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fitting between the Hotel Belvedere and the Hotel Emerson and back again the managers and press agents of the candidates were saving the Democratic party and the delegates a lot of trouble. Between first cock-tail time, which was 8:45, by the watch of Jim Ham Lewis, of Chicago, and dinner, the following candidates were nominated on the first ballot: Harmon, Clark, Wilson, Underwood and Gaynor.

Mr. Bryan has told some of his friends that he wants to be free to take part in the proceedings on the floor of the convention. But this would not be inconsistent with his holding the position of chairman of the resolutions committee.

Mr. Bryan will participate actively in aiding progressives in the first fight that will come on the floor of the convention, namely, for the temporary chairmanship, unless that matter is adjusted by the voluntary withdrawal of Judge Alton B. Parker, and the substitution of some other name, such as Senator O'Gorman, of New York, or Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, or one of a number of names that have been mentioned.

The platform is involved in the outcome of these struggles in the early part of the proceedings on the floor of the convention. If Mr. Bryan proves himself to be in control of the situation the conservatives will probably acquiesce in his program and let him write his own platform and name his own candidate.

So far as the Baltimore girls are concerned, the Democratic convention opened this afternoon, when the big gray stone armory in Hoffman Street, where Bolten Street makes a blind alley turn, was thrown open for a preliminary inspection. All the girls and their mothers were there. The inside of the armory is just one great grand big hole chopped out of a light yellow and white frieze. It is decorated with flags.

The picture of George Washington holds a high place on the west wall near the roof girders, and on either

is as to the tariff.
All Democrats are agreed that the tariff must be put forward as the paramount issue of the consideration.

As to just what the platform will finally contain will depend on whether the conservatives or the radicals control the convention. There has been considerable talk to-day about the chairmanship of the committee.

Mr. Bryan's friends are asking that he be made chairman of this committee. The Wilson men second the suggestion. The Clark men have not murmured.

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side of the picture runs a block-long quotation from some of George's stuff. The long stretch of alternate striae of orange and black running vertically to make a background for the speakers' platform, gave a lot of folks the notion this afternoon that some candidate of past or present of Princeton associations had put one over. In inquiry, however, disclosed that the colors are those of Maryland.

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